

**AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO DEFER OR ABATE  
THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES ON A PERSON'S  
RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD**

**CHAPTER 18**

H.B. No. 217

**AN ACT**

**relating to the authority of certain persons to defer or abate the collection of ad valorem taxes on a person's residence homestead.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 33.06, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.06. DEFERRED COLLECTION OF TAXES ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSON OR DISABLED VETERAN.

SECTION 2. Section 33.06(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An individual is entitled to defer collection of a tax, abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax, or abate a sale to foreclose a tax lien if:

(1) the individual:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ is 65 years of age or older;

(B) ~~[or]~~ is disabled as defined by Section 11.13(m); or

(C) is qualified to receive an exemption under Section 11.22; and

(2) the tax was imposed against property that the individual owns and occupies as a residence homestead.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 4, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 18, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

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**USE OF CONNECTED BRAKING SYSTEMS TO MAINTAIN  
DISTANCE BETWEEN VEHICLES**

**CHAPTER 19**

H.B. No. 1791

**AN ACT**

**relating to the use of connected braking systems to maintain distance between vehicles.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 545.062, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) *An operator of a vehicle equipped with a connected braking system that is following another vehicle equipped with that system may be assisted by the system to maintain an assured clear distance or sufficient space as required by this section. In this subsection, "connected braking system" means a system by which the braking of one vehicle is electronically coordinated with the braking system of a following vehicle.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.